

The earliest returns prophesied the defeat of the cause. Thirteen scattered upstate districts, the first to be heard from, rendered 1,152 votes for "omni-suffrage" and 5,650 for "white man's vote." The earliest municipality to proclaim a complete tally. Here again the suffrage amendment was defeated by 1,418 to 1,007. The proportion established in these two instances—roughly, three to two—in favor of the anti's was maintained in the next few reports.

As the evening wore on the gap between leader and follower narrowed.